

Big Loss in Wheat Area?

Chicago.—B. W. Snow of the Orange Judd Farmer, issued his December crop report. It shows decreased acreage of winter wheat in every state except California, Oregon and Washington. Seedling is under full swing on the Pacific coast with indications of a moderate enlargement of the acreage there. Elsewhere the opportunity for seeding is practically closed, and the total breadth sown, including Pacific coast probabilities is estimated at 27,600,000 acres against a seeding area at this date last year of 31,000,000 acres. This estimate covers the total breadth actually seeded and includes large areas east of the Mississippi river where seed has lain in the ground for weeks without signs of germination, and still larger areas upon which seed sprouted and died in whole or in part, and which local observers report for lack of a stand. will be ultimately abandoned.

Under normal conditions there is always a material difference between the areas seeded and the area finally harvested. During the last eight years the average acreage seeded was 31,898,000 acres, and the average harvested was 29,329,000 acres, or an average of crop area abandoned between seeding and harvest of 2,500,000 acres each year.

In 1903, the last previous year of serious drouth conditions during the period of germination and fall growth and the abandoned acreage was more than double this normal average or 5,200,000 acres.

The condition of the crop is the lowest ever reported on December 1, standing at 78.9 per cent, as compared with 91.1 a year ago and an average above 90, since the beginning of crop reporting. The condition is low everywhere except on the Pacific coast, and is sensationally poor in the states east of the Mississippi river. In Tennessee, the average is 78, Kentucky, 64; Ohio, 59; Michigan, 69; Indiana, 50, and Illinois, 60. The Western belt makes a better showing, with 81 in Missouri, 84 in Kansas, 89 in Nebraska and 90 in Oklahoma.

In the states worst hit by the long drouth the stand is thin, with large areas on which the plant is dead. Roots are poor, and the plant is going into winter quarters so deficient in vitality that the ordinary vicissitudes of even a mild winter will cause constant apprehension of winter killing.

The records of crop reporting show but one exception in 26 years to the rule that a wheat condition below 90 on December 1 is followed by severe loss during winter, a low condition on April 1 and in an inferior final yield.

Teachers' Association Program

Meeting held in high school building, Hoisington, Kansas on Saturday, December 12, 1908. Session begins at 2 p. m. sharp.

PROGRAM

Song, selected..... Association Invocation..... Rev. Donaldson Model Class in Reading.....

.....James Freer. Discussion: A Law Fixing the Minimum Term of School at seven months, Led by.....

.....Geneva Wing Paper: "Misguided Energy".....

.....Virginia Coleman Concert Entertainment, Arranged by..... C. E. Cannon Roll Call

Three Minute Speeches

Time for Answering Pupil's Questions..... May Connor Importance of Holding Pupil's Attention..... Roy Owen What Ails the Noisy School.....

.....Cora McCauley. Paper: "The History of our Calendar." (Mathematical Geography).....

.....H. N. Bel General Discussions by Association: Busy Seat work. Arguments in class. Prevention of tardiness. County Superintendent's Remarks. General Business. Adjournment.

Farm for Sale.

160 acres, one and a half miles from Rush Center.

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Pat Mayo

A great many Great Bend people will remember Pat Mayo, who for a long time was a barber in the First National Shop, and who a year and a half ago, moved back to his old home in Holden, Mo. He moved to this city in the hope of benefitting his health but as he continued to fail, eventually returned home. The Holden News for last week tells of his death, having the following to say:

Pat Mayo died at his home in Holden, Monday. The funeral was held Tuesday, the services being conducted at the house by Rev. J. W. Coulton and at the grave by the Knights of Pythias. Stewart Lindsay Mayo, son of W. H. and Mary Mayo, was born in Kingsville, Mo., March 18, 1880. Seventeen years ago he came with his parents to Holden, which has been his home almost continually ever since. He lived a short time in western Kansas, where he had gone in hope of benefitting his health. He was a very likable man and numbered his friends by the score. July 14, 1902, he was married to Miss Angeline Murray. Besides his wife, he leaves father, mother and two sisters, Mrs. W. R. Foree of Hutchinson, Kas., and Mas. G. Burt Baker of Holden. A few months ago he joined the Christian church but was never able to be baptised.—Holden Progress.

Largest Irrigating Ditch

The largest irrigating canal in the world—a veritable artificial river—is to be constructed in Central Wyoming, according to the plans of the Wyoming Central Irrigation Company, which has just been filed in the office of State Engineer C. T. Johnson of Cheyenne, Wyoming.

These plans call for a main canal 132 feet wide at the top, sixty feet wide at the bottom, 45 miles in length and capable of carrying a stream 14 feet in depth. This canal is to be dug in the ceded portion of the Shoshone reservation in Fremont county, and is to reclaim 230,000 acres of the richest land in the state.

The Wyoming Central Irrigation Company is the concern that at the time of the throwing open to settlement of the ceded portion of the Wind River reservation more than two years ago, was granted by the state a water right covering every drop of water available for the reclamation of the ceded lands.

Cattle Starving.

Thousands of cattle on the ranges in Colorado are reported to be starving with the prospect that there will be an unprecedented loss to the cattlemen this winter, which opened early and has caught the majority of stockmen unprepared. Feed is selling at almost prohibitive prices in the range districts, hay now bringing \$25 to \$30 a ton in the Arkansas valley and Park range districts.

Claffin

From the Clarion, Dec. 3.

Born—Tuesday, Dec. 1st., a boy to Mr. and Mrs. Duffey Davis.

Born—To Mr. and Mrs. N. L. Dondlinger, Friday, Nov. 27th a boy. Mother and child are reported as getting along nicely.

Claffin is certainly growing some when it comes to building residences. Besides all the new houses that have been built during the summer and fall, we can now count eight that are to be built as fast as the weather will permit and we predict that there will be more building done next year than has been done the past year.

St. Rose's Hospital was tendered a little surprise. Thanksgiving morning found a donation in shape of a basket of merchandise to the amount of about \$5, given "by the schoolchildren." All honor and respect to that school. Our sincere thanks to these worthy pupils and the promoters of this noble deed. Mother Superior.

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Corn Contest Winners.

The following are the names of the winning contestants and the prize won by them.

Boys from the age of 14 to 20 years.

Premium in this class is a trip to State Agricultural College.

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1st—Walter Deal, Citizens Bank, Ellinwood

2nd—Geo. Adams, Dawson & Zuttavern.

3rd—Ray McGill, Farmers' Institute.

4th—Geo. Gwinn, Farmers' Institute.

5th—J. Frank Adams, Farmers' Institute.

Boys from 10 to 14 years of age.

Premiums Donated By

1st—Chester Gaunt, Suit of Clothes by Marx & Berscheidt, \$5.00

2nd—John Deal, pair of shoes. Marx & Berscheidt, \$3.00

3rd—Jesse Ewing, Farmers' Institute \$5.00

4th—Eddie Nicolet, Farmers' Institute, \$1.00

5th—Roy Davis, Farmers' Institute, \$1.00

6th—Chester Nelson, Farmers' Institute, \$1.00

7th—John Stanley, Farmers' Institute, \$1.00

8th—Freddie Nicolet, Farmers' Institute, \$1.00

9th—J. H. Reed, Farmers' Institute, \$5.00.

Farmers' Institute.

From December 28 to January 2, inclusive, there will be held a state farmers' institute at the Kansas State Agricultural College. At this time there will be meetings of interest to all dairymen and creamymen of Kansas and all that can be urged to be present. A poultry institute will be held during which time all the important phases of practical poultry raising will be ably handled by competent speakers. Housing, feeding, management, sanitation, incubation and brooding will be discussed in the mornings and judging in the afternoons. All interested in improving the poultry conditions in Kansas are urged to be present.

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Progress Club

The Progress club met Monday afternoon with Mrs. Grant Jones and enjoyed a most pleasant session. The study for that day was Kenilworth and the book was reviewed in a most interesting manner by the leader, Miss Anna Taylor who told the story and dwelt at some length on the description of masques at Kenilworth and the magic arts as practiced by Dametrius and Alaseo.

Mrs. Massie was called upon for some readings which were a pleasure to hear. Mrs. Livingston of Gove county is a member of the club and as a rule, manages to come to those meetings in which she has part, but at present is in the east and a paper by her respecting the glories of the Elizabethan age, politically, in literature and in national life was read by Miss Poole. It was a very interesting document.

Mrs. Jones entertained the ladies with a description of scenes in and around Boston, where she spent the fall months and exhibited a number of souvenirs. Delicious refreshments were served.

A big entertainment is on for next week when the club will be entertained with a musicale at the Library.

R. W. Doubrava, of Holyrood, was in town on business a few days this week.

Mrs. W. H. Young of Little River, Kans. visited with Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Bortz this week.

Dock Valentine, a former resident of this city, but now of Kansas City, visited here Tuesday with old friends.

Ernest Powell accompanied his brother George home last week at Hanston.

Albert Items

By Correspondent.

Mrs. Cooper of Great Bend is very ill at the home of her daughter, Mrs. J. S. Winget.

Mrs. Colyer, of Independence Mo., who has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. Gus Ehlers, for the past week, returned home Monday morning. Her son, Jim, who came with her will remain here and attend school.

Mr. C. Dighton arrived here last week with a large stock of goods for his drug store. He is occupying the Gallon Hall.

Mrs. Lizzie Delette is assisting in the Hays store during their big clearing sale.

Miss Cora Osborne, who is teaching west of town, spent Saturday and Sunday with Miss Ina Paxon.

Preparations are being made by the Sunday School for a Christmas entertainment.

Rev. W. Dunlap has been assisting Rev. Donaldson in his meetings at Eureka.

Wanted—A practical miller for 300 barrel mill. Must be able to keep up repairs and take charge of manufacturing and economically. Absolutely no booze. KEARNEY FLOUR MILLS, Kearney, Nebraska.

J. J. Moran, of the Moran & Reser real estate, left Monday evening for Neodesha, Ka. and Texas on a business trip.

Morris Roberts underwent an operation at the St. Rose Hospital Tuesday morning for appendicitis.

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